

Request for Continues Examination

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 16, 2009, has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

3. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's Attorney (Mr. Mirut Dalal, with Reg. No. 44,052), on December 29, 2009, without traverse.

4. In claim 8, line 9, after "second encoding standard" delete [,], and insert ---
:providing an indication by a host processor to the video decoder indicating the particular encoding standard, wherein the video decoder, comprising the master processor, for decoding the video data encoded with the particular standard is discrete from the host processor; and
wherein the video decoder executes the first set of instructions if the indication indicates that the particular encoding standard is the first encoding standard and executes the second set of instructions if the indication indicates that the particular encoding standard is the second encoding standard. ---.
5. In claim 14, line 8, after "the second encoding standard;" insert --- receiving an indication at the master decoder processor indicating the particular encoding standard for decoding the video data encoded with the particular standard; ---.

Drawings

6. The drawings were received on February 9, 2004. The examiner accepts these drawings.

Reasons for Allowance

7. Applicant's arguments, (pages 8-14), filed on December 16, 2009, with respect to claims 1-14, 16-18, and 21-23 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The

rejection of claims 1-14, 16-18, and 21-23 has been withdrawn. Therefore claims 1-14, 16-18, and 21-23 are allowable.

8. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, a host processor for providing an indication to the video decoder indicating the particular encoding standard, wherein the video decoder, comprising the master processor, for decoding the video data encoded with the particular standard is discrete from the host processor; and wherein the video decoder executes the first set of instructions if the indication indicates that the particular encoding standard is the first encoding standard and executes the second set of instructions if the indication indicates that the particular encoding standard is the second encoding standard, in combination into other features and elements of **claims 1, 8 and 14.**

9. Claims 1-14, 16-18, and 21-23 (renumbered 1-20) are allowed.

10. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Citation of Relevant Prior Art

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Malladi et al. (U. S. Patent 5,912,676) disclose MPEG DECODER FRAME MEMORY INTERFACE WHICH IS RECONFIGURABLE FOR DIFFERENT FRAME STORE ARCHITECTURES

Conclusion

12. *Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mehdi Rashidian whose telephone number is (571) 272-9763. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, ET.*

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Samir Ahmed can be reached on (571) 272-7413. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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